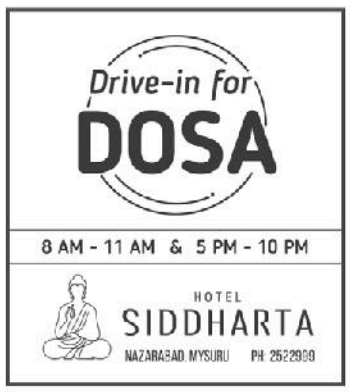




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# Tenders called to clear

## solid waste deposit at Sewage Farm

## Budget: Rs. 60 crore from Swachh Bharat Mission, announces MP Pratap Simha

*Pratap Simha*

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (BCT)- After facing numerous obstacles and experiencing a prolonged delay, tenders have finally been issued to address the issue of over 7 lakh tonnes of legacy waste accumulated at the Solid Waste Management Unit (Excel Plant) located at Sewage Farm in Vidyaranyapuram here.

This waste has been causing great distress to the local residents, who have been dealing with the foul smell emanating from the rotting garbage.

Over the span of 30 years, this legacy waste has been accumulating and the news of the tender floating was announced by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha last evening, through his social media handle.

The MP expressed his commitment to cleaning up the 7 lakh tonnes of waste in Vidyaranyapuram as per the promise made by him and former Minister V. Somanna. The allocated budget for this project is Rs. 60 crore, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Swachh Bharat Mission.

The MP extended his gratitude to the former Mysuru City Corporation Commissioners G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, Gurudutt Hegde, the current Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman-Shariff, Mayor Shivakumar, MLA T.S. Srivatsa and IAS Officers Dr. M.N. Ajay Nagabhushan and Manjushree for their co-operation in this endeavour.

**(See TENDERS on page 6)**

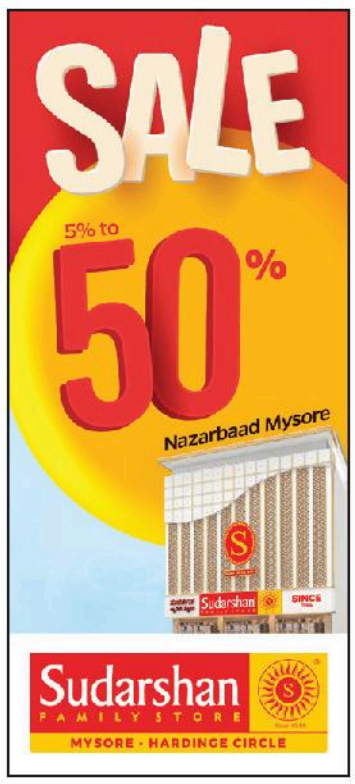
**Criminal defamation case over Modi surname remark**

# SC stays conviction of Rahul Gandhi

*Rahul Gandhi*

New Delhi, Aug. 4 (Agencies)- The Supreme Court this afternoon stayed the conviction of former Congress President Rahul Gandhi in the 2019 criminal defamation case over his 'Modi' surname remark and revived his status as a Member of Parliament (MP). The Apex Court cited, there was no reasons given by trial judge in giving the maximum punishment of two years. Disqualification affects not only Gandhi but also the electorates of his Constituency (Wayanad), it added.

However, the Top Court also cautioned that Rahul Gandhi should have been more careful in making the remarks. The Court heard a plea by Rahul Gandhi challenging Gujarat High Court verdict that declined to put on hold his conviction in a defamation case over his 'Modi surname' remark. Earlier this year, Rahul Gandhi was disqualified as an MP for his comments linked to Prime Minister Modi.

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**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Friday 4th August 2023


## Mellusire Savigana Musical Evening tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (GA&SSM)- Old students of Bharathi Sthree Samaja Higher Primary School, V.V. Mohalla in city, who studied between 1969 and 1975, have organised a Guru Vandana programme for their teachers and a musical evening titled *Mellusire Savigana* at Jaganmohan Palace in city on Aug. 5 at 5.30 pm.

Announcing this at a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here on Wednesday, old student Raghav Khare said that old students, who had studied till seventh standard in the School will reunite in the programme.

"The main aim of the programme is that all the old students will come together and work towards women education and development of the School," he said.

Kannada, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu film songs and light music will be rendered by singers Dr. A.D. Srinivas, Vijay Urs, S.N. Jayarao, K.N. Prabhakar, A.S. Srihari, Hamsini S. Kumar, Latha Venkatesh, Dr. S. Padmashri and Nandini Murthy.

They will be accompanied by Vid. C. Vishwanath on mandolin, Vid. Shanmukha Sajja on keyboard, Vid. Raghu on tabla, Vid. Raghavendra Prasad on rhythm pad and Vid. Indhu Shekar on dholak. For details about the programme, call Mob: 98451-11038.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

***There is a tendency to ignore bullying as a childish act or a mischief that young children indulge in for fun. This is not a sensible approach if one considers the consequences of bullying and the long-term trauma that the victims face.***

***Bullying happens often in schools. It can happen inside the classrooms, on the school ground, inside the school buses or in the dining hall or washroom areas.***

***Some get reported while many go unreported or unnoticed. What we need to understand is that it is bullying that transforms into ragging in colleges.***

***In other words, when those who bully go unpunished in school, they will resort to ragging as they go to higher classes.***

***There are different types of bullying. It can be verbal bullying in the form of teasing, calling names, body-shaming, etc. It can also be intimidating the weaker ones by spreading rumours, shouting down or ordering them around.***

***There can be social bullying which involves isolating someone, embarrassing someone in public, telling others not to be friends with someone and the like.***

***Physical bullying also happens in schools. This includes physical violence like hitting, punching, kicking, pinching, etc, very often, unprovoked.***

***Cyber-bullying also has started in recent times. Some students use this method to browbeat their juniors or the ones they want to target. They use cell phones and computers to send offensive texts or hateful messages to defame or hurt their targets. We need to nip this in the bud while they are children.***

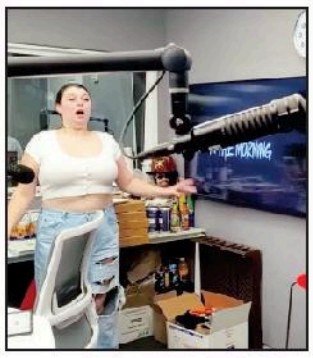
***Schools have to be extremely vigilant. They have a responsibility to protect children who are innocent and defenceless. We need to lend them voice and empower them. There should not be a situation where innocent children cower in fear and suffer mental agony and humiliation in the hands of bullies.***

***Every responsible school should declare zero tolerance to bullying and put in place swift and decisive action in case it happens. If schools take care of bullying, ragging in colleges will come to an end, in all probability.***

*— Mathew C. Ninan in Deccan Herald*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Woman's record-breaking 107-decibel burp



Maryland: A Maryland woman's unusual talent earned her a Guinness World Record when she let out a belch that was measured at 107 decibels.

Kimberly "Kimycola" Winter said she was encouraged to seek the world record for loudest burp (female) by viewers of her channels, which often shows off her booming belches.

GWR confirmed Winter broke a record that had stood for about 14 years. Winter's burp was measured at 107 decibels -- about as loud as a motorcycle at full throttle.

Winter's record was just short of the male version of the record, 112.7 decibels, which was set by Australian Neville Sharp in 2021.

### Japanese man suctions 11 cans to his head

Tokyo: A Japanese man put his unusual skill to the test and reclaimed the Guinness World Record for most drink cans placed on the head using air suction.

Shunichi Kanno, 31, initially broke the record in 2009, when he managed to suction nine drink cans to his head, and his record was later broken by Jamie "Canhead" Keeton, who replicated the feat with 10 cans.

Kanno reclaimed the record by upping the ante to 11 cans. He said the trick to increasing his can total was learning to create air suction on his temples and added that his forehead makes him uniquely qualified for the record.

"You make a wrinkle, then place a can there. Push the can firmly towards your head and ease your wrinkle. This reduces the air pressure between the can and the skin, and the can should stick like a suction cup," Kanno said.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

All Women experience glow less and dry skin and hair in winter. Body aches and pains are common for menopausal women. Make sure to drink lot of water, avoid carbonated fluids. Moisture your skin with any moisturiser and take lot of citrus fruits and different winter special Veggies to improve immunity and gut health. Regularly take milk and walk in morning sun for Vitamin D, getting your bones stronger and healthier.

***By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore***

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LIFE'S ON

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## Poems invited for 'Swarajya-Surajya' Kavigoshti

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (SSM) - Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad, Mysuru, has organised a District-level Kavigoshti titled 'Swarajya-Surajya' on Aug. 12 in the city to commemorate 76 years of Indian Independence.

People of any age may recite their self-written poems at the poets' meet. The poem must not exceed more than 12 to 20 lines, with a word limit restricted between 60 and 100 words. Poems can be written in any Indian language.

Three best poems will be selected for recital from among the 25 best poems chosen from various districts of the State at the State-level Kavigoshti to be held later.

The first three best poems will be awarded Rs. 1,000 (first), Rs. 750 (second) and Rs. 500 (third) at the district-level Kavigoshti, while at the State-level, the best poems will receive Rs. 10,000 (first), Rs. 7,000 (second) and Rs. 5,000 (third) along with certificates.

Interested aspiring poets may send their self-composed poems to Jayamala on her WhatsApp Number: 72596-82938 before Aug. 8, according to a press release.

## Entries invited for Chutuku Kavigoshti

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (SSM) - Marking 76th anniversary of Indian Independence Day celebrations, Mysuru District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat, in association with Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Women's Wing, has organised a District-level Chutuku Kavigoshti.

Interested individuals may send their self-written four-lined three chutukus before Aug. 10 to the following address: Chutuku Siri Dr. Ratna Halappagowda, President, Mysuru District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat, No. 596, 4th Main, 9th Cross, A&F Block, Ramakrishnanagar, Mysuru.

Those selected for the Chutuku Kavigoshti will be given a participation certificate and a book. For details, call Mob: 98863-44524.

## REALLY...?

- ***Grand Anicut, which is also known as 'Kallanai dam', is the fourth oldest in the world. It is also one of the oldest dams in working condition. An artificial lake called 'Sudarshana' was built by Mauryas during 320 B.C.***
- ***Women could hold important jobs in Ancient Egyptian society including high ranking positions such as priestesses, supervisors and administrators. Some women reached the highest ranking posts in the land. Hatshepsut was a woman who became one of Egypt's most powerful Pharaohs.***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Panicking when her two-year-old swallowed a tiny magnet, my friend Phyllis rushed him to the emergency room.*** *"He'll be fine,"* ***the doctor promised her.*** *"The magnet should pass through his system in a day or two."* ***"How will I be sure?" she pressed.*** *"Well,"* ***the doctor suggested,*** *"you could stick him on the refrigerator and when he falls off, you'll know!!"*

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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## VOICE OF THE READER

# Appeal to introduce ladies and students only buses

Sir,

It has been observed that many ladies, especially the elderly ones and students are finding it very difficult to travel in the city buses and reach their destination in time, as the buses are often overcrowded and do not stop at their scheduled stops.

They are often left with no choice but to travel standing on the foot-board of the buses, hanging on for dear life.

Hence, I earnestly appeal to the authorities concerned, through your columns, to kindly introduce ladies ONLY and students ONLY buses for the benefit of ladies and students, to mitigate their hardships.

**—Ashok Bhushan**
Vishveshwaranagar 2.8.2023

# City girl's debut work 'Success Begins with Mindset' launched

***Shubha Sanjay Urs** (extreme left) **and D.S. Ramakrishna Rao seen releasing the book along with the author Afreen Sait.***

Mysuru, Aug. 4- Shubha Sanjay Urs, Founder, Mysuru Book Clubs and Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust along with D.S. Ramakrishna Rao, a renowned Architect and book enthusiast, launched the book "Success Begins with Mindset," authored by 22-year-old Afreen Sait, at an event held at Hotel Grand Mercure in city recently.

On the occasion, Afreen shared her journey of personal growth, inspiring the audience with her empowering message that success is shaped by mindset, beliefs and the ability to adapt and grow.

As a young author, Afreen's debut work not only establishes her as a voice of inspiration but also serves as a powerful beacon for the youth.

The book, which is now available on Amazon, serves as a testament to the power of determination and personal growth. It invites readers of all ages, particularly the youth, to embark on a transformative journey of self-discovery and seize the opportunity to create their own path to success.

Afreen Sait, daughter of Sadiq Sait and Yasmin couple (Proprietor of Ismail Opticals, Mysuru), is currently pursuing her Master's at the University of Western Australia in Perth.

She previously completed her Bachelor of Commerce at Sapient College in Mysuru.

# Former VC Prof. K.C. Belliappa to release KBG's book 'Life and Times' on Aug. 6

Mysuru, Aug. 4- Prof. K.C. Belliappa, former Vice-Chancellor, Central University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, will release the book ***Life and Times*** authored by K.B. Ganapathy (KBG), Founder-Editor, *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* at a programme organised by Samvahana, Mysuru, at Rani Bahadur Auditorium, Hunsur Road in city on Aug. 6 (Sunday) at 11 am.

Prof. K.S. Rangappa, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, will preside.

Prof. C. Naganna, Retd. Professor, University of Mysore, will speak on the book.

Dr. M.R. Ravi, IAS, Managing Director, Karnataka State Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KSIIDC), Bengaluru, will be the chief guest.

Author K.B. Ganapathy and Publisher D.N. Lokappa of Samvahana Publications, will be present at the event.

On the occasion, the book (soft bound), priced at Rs. 350, will be sold at discount price of Rs. 200 at the venue.

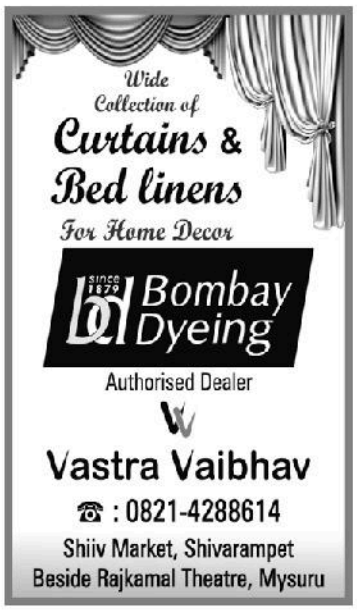
The Publisher can be contacted on Mob: 99026-39593 or 95354-61948.

## Free training programme at Al-Kabir

Mysuru, Aug. 4- A free training programme on skills to face an interview has been organised by Al-Kabir School at its premises in Sri Shivarathreeshwara Nagar, Bannimantap, on Aug. 6 between 4 pm and 8 pm.

Graduates, post-graduates and diploma holders who are looking for a job can avail of the opportunity.

For more details, interested may contact Mob.: 89041-29553 or 90196-67774, according to a press release.



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Blood donation camp tomorrow

As part of its Foundation Day, city's Kaynes Technology India Limited, will be conducting a day-long blood donation camp at it's Unit-1 premises located in Belagola Food Industrial Area, Metagalli, tomorrow (Aug. 5). from 9 am to 5 pm. For details, call Mob: 96866-58958, according to a press release.

### General Body Meeting

The Kannada Kriya Samiti, Mysuru, has convened a General Body Meeting of its members at 11.30 am tomorrow (Aug. 5) at Nrupatunga Kannada School premises, Ramakrishnanagar E&F Block. Kannada activists are also invited to attend the meeting which will discuss problems concerning Kannada.

### Art of Living Happiness Prog.

Sri Ravishankar Guruji's Art of Living Happiness Programme will be held at Art of Living Ashram on Lalithadripura Road in city from Aug. 8 to 13 from 6 am to 8.30 am, 6 pm to 8.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 99451-61303 or 98801-59158.

### Coaching camp

The Mysuru branch of Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation will be conducting a coaching camp for IAS and KAS preliminary exams from Aug. 9 at its premises located at 'Krishik Bhavan', Gen. K.S. Thimayya Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru. For details, call: 0821- 2301564/ 99457-52592.

## WATER LEVEL

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| Maximum | : | 124.80 | feet |
| Today | : | 113.46 | feet |
| Yesterday | : | 113.48 | feet |
| Inflow | : | 4,027 | cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 4,115 | cusecs |

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| Outflow | : | 2,166 | cusecs |

# Cops hand over 135 cell phones worth Rs. 30 lakh to owners

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (SBD&BS)- City Police returned 135 stolen cell phones worth Rs. 30 lakh that were traced through Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal to their owners here last evening.

City's Cyber, Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Crime Police, who assessed the information through CEIR portal and Chatbot (WhatsApp message), succeeded in tracing these cellphones, that were handed over to the owners by City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh at his Office in Nazarbad yesterday.

City Police Chief Ramesh told media persons: "A total of 3,075 complaints related to losing or theft of cell phones have been registered on CEIR portal since September 2022. So far, 270 cell phones have been recovered including 135 devices being returned to their owners. Two months back, awareness was created among the public on how to use CEIR portal and the link we receive upon sending 'Hi' message to a dedicated number-6363255135 on WhatsApp. Based on the complaints registered in this method, the mobile phones are being traced."

Of the 135 cell phones recovered now, about 30 were traced in other States like Assam, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. However, it cannot be precisely said that they were stolen and sold outside the State, as the chances of losing them during travelling also cannot be ignored.

All the Police Stations have been instructed to upload the complaints related to losing of cell phones on CEIR portal. Earlier, such stolen phones were being traced on the basis of their International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number. If the devices were turned on, the process of tracing them were carried out. As the number of cases increased, it was not possible to initiate action in effective manner. However, the CEIR portal has come in handy in solving such cases as the message will be received at respective Police stations soon after the device is turned on, Police Commissioner Ramesh added.

*Owners who received their cell phones are seen with City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, DCPs M. Muthuraj and S. Jahnavi and CEN Police personnel.*

The mobile phone lifters won't use the device. They sell them to strangers and gullible people whom they lure for a song. Several such people buy the second hand phones offered at a lesser price. If somebody stumble upon such phones, they won't return it to its owners. As the message is received the moment the device is turned on, Police contact and enquire them. When the Police explain them the fact that the device is a stolen one which is being used and seek their cooperation in returning it to its owner, most of them send the device through parcel. If some of them are unable to parcel the device, Police will personally collect the device from them.

If a gang is involved in mobile theft and hand it over to another, who sell them to those in their network after changing IMEI number, such racketeers can be traced. However in the complaints lodged on CEIR portal, most of them are related to losing the devices. Even the buyers won't have information of the seller. Hence, our main intention is to trace such devices and return to the owners, said the City Top Cop.

DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi and Devaraja Sub-Division ACP Shanthamallappa guided CEN Inspector N. Jayakumar, Sub-Inspectors N. Anil Kumar and M. L. Siddesh, ASI Subhash Chandra and staff in the tracing and recovery operation.

# Bengaluru tourist posing for selfie on bridge, fatally slips into Harangi River

Madikeri, Aug. 4- A tourist from Bengaluru, fell into Harangi River while posing for a selfie photo on the bridge in front of Harangi Dam and was swept away.

The deceased has been identified as Sandeep (45) of Bengaluru. Sandeep, along with four of his friends had come to Harangi in a Benz car yesterday.

Sandeep was standing on the edge of the bridge in front of Harangi Dam posing for a selfie along with his friends, when he slipped into the River. He was swept away in front of his friends.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel from Kushalnagar, who rushed to the spot made attempts to trace the body but in vain.

As 2,000 cusecs of water is released from Harangi Dam, water is flowing in full force and there were chances of the body being swept away from under the bridge.

River rafters from Dubare were summoned to the spot, who also made attempts to locate the body of Sandeep. As it grew dark, the search operation was suspended in the evening.

The operation to trace the body of Sandeep in the river resumed this morning and the search team finally traced the body at about 150 metres away from the bridge and fished the body out.

The body was later shifted to Kushalnagar Government Hospital for post-mortem.

Kushalnagar Rural Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

## Obituary

**H.M. Gowdegowda**

Mysuru, Aug. 4- H.M. Gowdegowda (76), former President of Vani Vilas Water Works and UGD Workers Association and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away following a heart attack at his residence here yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Honnavara village, Nagamangala taluk of Mandya district this noon.

**T. Swamy**

**Bannur:** T. Swamy (68), theatre artist and a resident of Ketupura village in Sosale Hobli of T. Narasipur taluk, passed away at his native village early this morning.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his farmland in Ketupura this evening.

# FESTIVIVA expo inaugurated

***FESTIVIVA, a two-day Fashion and Lifestyle Exhibition, was inaugurated this morning by Shubha Sanjay Urs, Suchita Sanjay and Hemamalini Laxman at Wind Chimes in city. Others seen are Suma Dinesh, Bhavani Praveenkumar, Vidya Arun, Dr. Rashmi Mahale, Dr. Sanmathi Nithyanand, Kavita Bopaiah, Rashmi Ravindra and Sarika Arvind. The expo will be open today and tomorrow between 10 am and 9 pm.***

# District Minister to launch
## 'Gruha Jyothi' in city tomorrow
### CM to launch Scheme at Kalaburagi

Mysuru, Aug. 4- With Chief Minister Siddharamaiah scheduled to launch the Congress Government's ambitious 'Gruha Jyothi' Scheme (200 units of free power to households every month), one of the five pre-poll promises, at Kalaburagi tomorrow, District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will launch the Scheme in Mysuru at a programme to take place at Kalamandira on Hunsur road at 11 am on Aug. 5 in the presence of Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh.

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda will preside. Mayor Shivakumar, MPs Pratap Simha, V. Sreenivasa Prasad and Sumalatha Ambarish, MLAs Tanveer Sait, G.T. Devegowda, Anil Chikkamadu, D. Ravishankar, G.D. Harish Gowda, Darshan Dhruvanarayan and T.S. Srivatsa, several MLCs and others will be present.

# Two-day Arthroscopy Meet in Mysuru on Aug. 5 and 6

Mysuru, Aug. 4- A two-day Arthroscopy Meet will be held at Fortune JP Palace Hotel in city on Aug. 5 and 6.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, Mysuru Orthopaedic Association member Dr. Vijay said the meet, which is organised jointly by the Association and G.C. Sports Medicine Centre and Multi-Speciality Hospital, will be inaugurated by Internationally renowned Orthopaedic and Joint Surgeon Dr. Andrew Chambler at 11 am.

More than 200 Bone, Knee and Joint Specialists from across the country are expected to take part in this meet, Dr. Vijay said adding that sports persons and coaches too can take part in the meet, which will discuss latest procedures for diagnosing and treating joint problems.

Dr. Girish Chandra, Dr. Paramesh and Dr. Shreyas were present at the press meet.

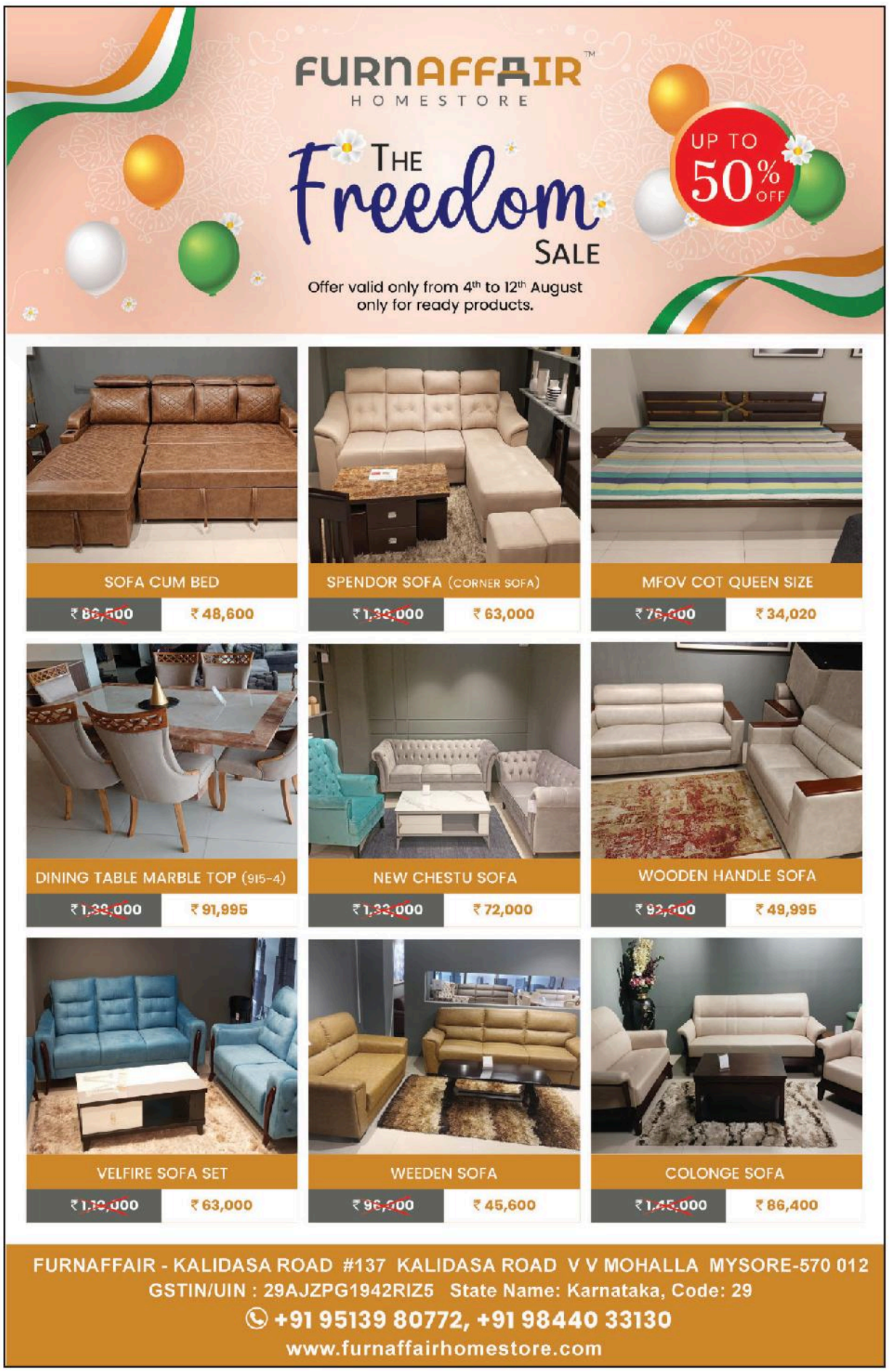
# AGM of Govt. Employees Assn.

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (SSM)- The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Karnataka State Government Employees Association, Mysuru Branch, will be held at Kabini Kaanana Home Stay on Bombapura Road in H.D. Kote Taluk on Aug. 20 at 10 am. Association President J. Govindaraju will preside, according to a press release.

# 'Guru Bruhaspathi' Award presentation on Aug. 6

Mysuru, Aug. 4- *Karnataka Kalashree* Dr. K. Kumar, Professor and Head, Department of Dance, University College of Fine Arts, Mysuru, will be honoured with "Guru Bruhaspathi" National Award by Tara Arts Academy, Hyderabad, Telangana, during their All India Classical and Tribal Dance Fest-2023 on Aug. 6 at Telangana Bhavan in New Delhi. The two-day fest will be inaugurated on Aug.5 at 4 pm.

On the occasion, Dr. Kumar and his daughters, *Kalemane Sisters* K.M. Nidhi and K.M. Lekha will present a Bharatanatyam dance performance in the presence of Union Minister Athawale Ramdas Bandu and many other dignitaries.



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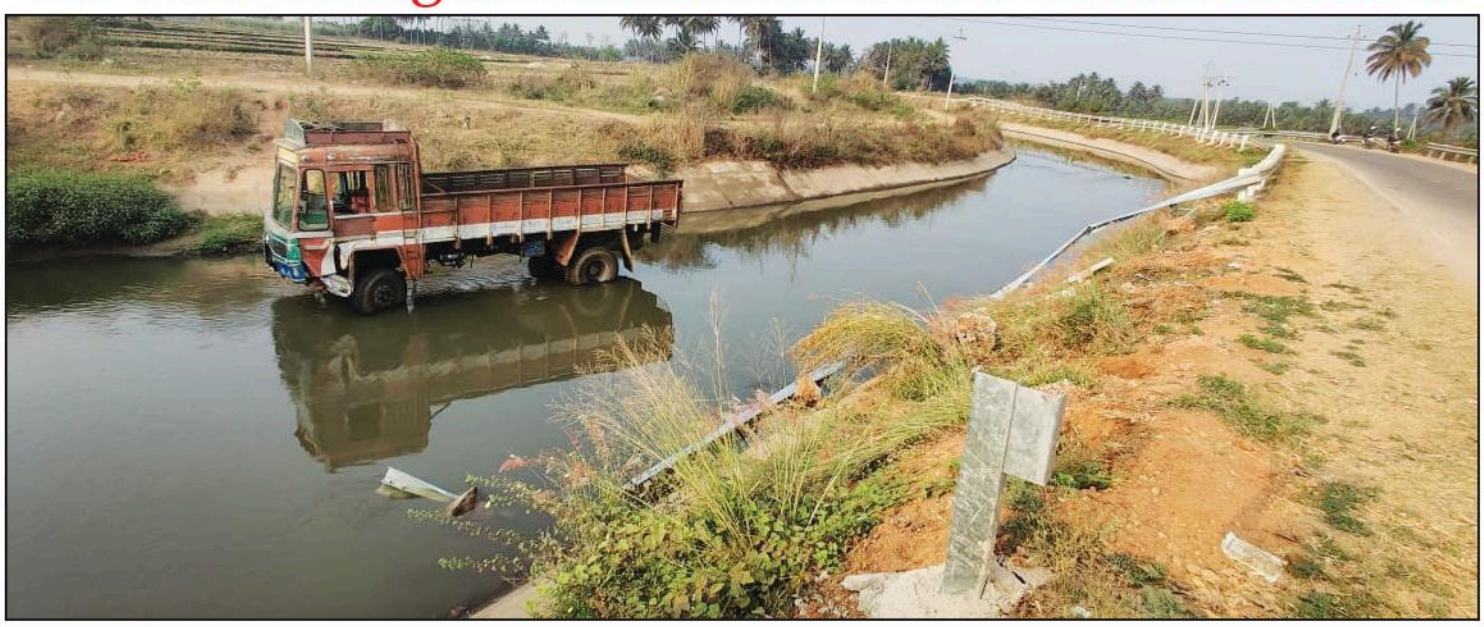
Echo of vehicles plunging into canals in Mandya

# DC constitutes panels to study need for crash barriers

## Officials, elected representatives conveniently forgot the 2018 Kanaganamaradi bus accident that killed 30



*A truck that fell into the Devaraya Canal a few months back at Karekura village near Srirangapatna. Such aluminium barriers along the canals fail to withstand the force in which speeding vehicles collide and the vehicles invariably enters the waterbody. Only a scientifically designed crash barriers can prevent major tragedies.*

Mandya, Aug. 4 (Vinay Karekura, KS&BCT)- Following two recent accidents involving cars plunging into the VC Canal in Mandya district, which resulted in the tragic death of five individuals, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumara has taken prompt action by constituting Committees.

The primary purpose of these Committees is to oversee the construction and maintenance of retaining walls or crash barriers along canals and lake bunds in the district, with the aim of preventing similar incidents in the future.

The DC has instructed the officials responsible for the lakes and canals in Mandya District to urgently assess the need for repairing existing crash barriers and promptly report their findings to the Committee. The goal is to address any maintenance issues and enhance safety measures, thereby preventing potential dangers posed by the lakes and canals in the district.

Over the years, Mandya has witnessed numerous accidents involving private buses and vehicles skidding off the roads and falling into canals, resulting in casualties. Despite these incidents, the construction of protective walls along the majority of the district's tanks, roads, and *nalas* (canals) has not yet commenced. For instance, the Mandya-Hulikere Road lacks protective measures.

**Kanaganamaradi tragedy**

The road connecting Pandavapura to Kanaganamaradi-Vadesamudra-Shivalli is linked to Mandya. Tragically, on Nov. 24, 2018, a private bus accident claimed 30 lives on this very road, just 8 km apart between Kanaganamaradi village and Hulikere taluk.

The bus lost control, careened off the road and plunged into the deep canal. Unfortunately, the passengers had little chance to escape and all of them lost their lives in the water-filled canal. This incident left the community in shock and mourning.

However, it seems that the tragedy was soon forgotten, as the official machinery and elected representatives maintained a stoic silence regarding the construction of protective walls.

The accident shed light on pressing road safety issues, leading to calls for immediate action to prevent such tragedies in the future. Local residents and community members urged the authorities to construct protective walls and crash barriers along the canal and roads to ensure the safety of travellers. However, the matter was overlooked and disregarded.

**A dangerous spot**

As part of the VC Canal, an underground tunnel was built in Hulikere, where the canal water flows underground for up to 2 kms. After emerging from the underground tunnel, the VC Canal travels a distance of about 2-3 km and it runs parallel to the road, making it a highly dangerous spot, with depths of 100 to 150 feet.

At certain locations, aluminium barriers have been installed along the canals, but these barriers fail to protect speeding vehicles, resulting in them landing inside the canal. If the canal contains water, occupants of the vehicles are at risk of drowning.

The construction of the VC Canal began approximately 80 years ago, but no attempts have been made so far to build protective walls where the canal passes adjacent to the roads. As a consequence, there is only a mere 20-25 feet separating the road from the canal, with vehicles and people constantly passing by. This situation becomes perilous, especially during times when the water flows, putting the lives of those driving vehicles at risk.

### Committee members appointed

- **Mandya Taluk-** Secretary: Mandya Sub-Division PWD Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE). Committee members: AEE of Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) AEE and Malavalli National Highway Sub-Division AEE.
- **Maddur Taluk-** Secretary: Maddur Sub-Division Panchayat Raj Engineering Division AEE. Committee members: PWD AEE, CNNL AEE and Malavalli National Highway Sub-Division AEE.
- **Malavalli Taluk-** Secretary: Malavalli Sub-Division PWD AEE. Committee members: Panchayat Raj Engineering Division AEE, CNNL AEE and Malavalli National Highway Sub-Division AEE.
- **Nagamangala Taluk-** Secretary: Nagamangala Sub-Division PWD AEE. Committee members: Panchayat Raj Engineering Division AEE, CNNL AEE and Bellur National Highway Sub-Division AEE.
- **K.R. Pet Taluk-** Secretary: K.R. Pet Sub-Division PWD AEE. Committee members: Panchayat Raj Engineering Division AEE, CNNL AEE and Bellur National Highway Sub-Division AEE.
- **Srirangapatna Taluk-** Secretary: Srirangapatna Sub-Division Panchayat Raj Engineering Division AEE. Committee members: CNNL AEE and Mysuru National Highway Sub-Division AEE.
- **Pandavapura Taluk-** Secretary: Pandavapura Sub-Division PWD AEE. Committee members: Panchayat Raj Engineering Division AEE, CNNL AEE and Mysuru National Highway Sub-Division AEE.

# Tenders called to clear solid waste deposit at Sewage Farm

**(Continued from page 1)**

As per the information shared by the MP, the tender is titled "Processing and Disposal of Legacy Waste at Survey Numbers 181, 182, 183, and 184 at Vidyaranyapuram in Mysuru City Corporation Limits, in compliance with Central Pollution Board Guidelines." The tender publishing date is Aug. 3, and the last date for tender closure is Sept. 6, 2023."

Mysuru city faces a daily waste generation of more than 500 tonnes, and a significant portion of this waste has been historically dumped at the Sewage Farm due to the absence of adequate waste treatment facilities. The Waste Treatment Plant at Vidyaranyapuram, with a capacity to process only 200 tonnes per day, could not handle this overwhelming volume of waste.

Although the Excel Treatment Plant was established under the JnNURM Project in 1996 to produce compost by treating solid waste, a large amount of garbage remained untreated. Residents reported that animal carcasses and waste from slaughterhouses were directly dumped into the plant, causing unbearable stench.

The untreated legacy waste accumulation at the plant led to widespread resentment among the residents of J.P. Nagar, Kanakagiri, Gundu Rao Nagar, Vidyaranyapuram, and Vishweshwaranagar. They not only complained about the foul smell but also expressed concerns about the potential threats to their health and well-being.

In response to protests and public campaigns, the daily waste disposal was redirected to locations like Kesare and Rayanakere for treatment. While the Kesare plant recently began processing waste on a trial basis, its full-fledged operations are yet to begin. The Rayanakere project is also in the pipeline but not completed.

The District Administration decided to initiate a Bioremediation (Bio-mining) project in January 2020 to address the legacy waste issue. Unfortunately, the Bioremediation project did not take off as planned, and the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic further exacerbated the delays.

Now that the legacy waste removal process is underway, the MCC will be able to reclaim about 17 acres of land, facilitating infrastructure development and providing other amenities in the locality.

# Delhi HC issues notice on PIL against use of I.N.D.I.A

New Delhi, Aug. 4 (Agencies)- The Delhi High Court, today issued notices to the Centre, the Election Commission of India (ECI) and an alliance of 26 political parties in connection with a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) challenging the parties' use of the acronym I.N.D.I.A (Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance).

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Amit Mahajan directed the Centre, represented by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, as well as the ECI and 26 Opposition parties, including the Congress, All India Trinamool Congress, DravidaMunnetra Kazhagam and AAP among others to respond to the PIL.

Girish Bharadwaj, counsel for the petitioner, stated that the PIL pertains to the recent formation of an "alliance using the name I.N.D.I.A" by the respondent political parties.

The Bench acknowledged the need for a hearing and Additional Solicitor General Chetan Sharma accepted notice on behalf of the two Central Ministries, emphasising the significance of the ECI's response. **The case is scheduled for the next hearing on October 31.**

The petitioner seeks an injunction restraining the respondent political parties from using the acronym I.N.D.I.A and requests the Centre and ECI to take appropriate action against these parties for its usage. The plea claims that Bharadwaj is aggrieved by the ECI's inaction against the 26 political parties.

According to the plea, on June 23, leaders and members of 16 out of the 26 political parties gathered in Bihar's Patna to devise a strategy for the upcoming 2024 general elections and formed an alliance without giving it a name. Subsequently, the parties met again in Bengaluru to "choose the name of the alliance and its convenor."

In Bengaluru, after a closed-room meeting on July 18, a joint press conference was held by the leaders of all respondent political parties, during which Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge announced the name of the alliance as I.N.D.I.A or Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance.

The plea notes that during the press conference, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee asked the NDA and BJP if they could challenge 'I.N.D.I.A' and stated that 'I.N.D.I.A' would emerge victorious while BJP would lose. Furthermore, the plea mentions that in the same meeting, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said, "This battle is between NDA and India, between Narendra Modi and India."

The plea argues that by "dragging" the name of the country, Gandhi "cunningly presented the name of their alliance and tried to show that the NDA/BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi are in conflict with our nation, i.e., INDIA."

This attempt by Gandhi has allegedly "created confusion in the minds of common people that the upcoming general election of 2024 will be a fight between political parties or between the alliance and our country."

The plea highlights that the petitioner had sent a representation to the ECI on July 19, requesting necessary action against the newly formed alliance, but the ECI has not taken any action so far.

The plea expresses concerns that the respondent parties' attempt to use the name of the country as an acronym for their alliance may incite "political hatred" and potentially lead to "political violence."

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# PM to lay foundation for upgradation of two Rly. Stations in Mysuru Division on Aug. 6: DRM

*Divisional Railway Manager, SWR, Mysuru Division, Shilpi Agarwal seen addressing a press meet at her Office in city this morning as others look on.*

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (BLU&BS)- Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, Shilpi Agarwal has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be laying the foundation stone for the upgradation/ redevelopment of 508 Railway Stations including two Railway Stations coming under Mysuru Division — Arsikere and Harihara — under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, through video link on Aug. 6.

Addressing media persons at her Office on Irwin Road in city this morning, she said, "In the first phase, a total of eight Stations in the State have been identified, including Arsikere at an estimated cost of Rs. 34.1 crore and Harihar at Rs. 25.2 crore for upgradation works in Mysuru Division (the other six Stations come under Hubballi Division)."

In 2023 budget, it was announced that 1,275 Stations in the country will be redeveloped/ upgraded under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme with a long-term approach. It includes phase-wise implementation of works related to improvement of Station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lifts/ escalators, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products under 'One Station One Product' Scheme among several other plans, informed Shilpi Agarwal.

**Ashokapuram Station**

Besides, the remodelled Ashokapuram Railway Station on Manandavadi Road in Mysuru will be inaugurated coinciding with the 76th Independence Day celebrations on Aug. 15.

**Quarters at Rs. 350 crore**

The DRM also announced that tenders will be floated on Aug. 30 to invite bids to build residential quarters at an estimated cost of Rs. 350 crore for Railway employees in different parts of the city.

The Railway Choultry near Sri Venkataramana Swamy Temple in Vontikoppal and nine dilapidated quarters will be demolished for the purpose.

Additional DRM E. Vijaya, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager J. Lohiteshwara, Unit Head of PM Gati Shakti and Project Manager Vishnu Bhushan and Assistant Commercial Manager D. Rajkumar were present.

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## Swachh Survekshan - 2023

# MCC seeks citizen feedback

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (GA&BCT)- In a bid to ensure that Mysuru gets a higher ranking in the eighth edition of the Swachh Survekshan under the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0, this year, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has appealed to the residents to give their free and frank feedback on various online platforms facilitated by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Citizens can give their feedback by using any of the five methods including- Swachhata app, Vote For Your City app, MyGov.in and QR code-based or by logging into https://sbmurban.org/feedback

There will be nine questions that a resident is put through and all the questions are on cleanliness. One can either click on the link ***https://sbmurban.org/feedback*** or scan a given QR code to give the feedback. Then one is greeted by the first page which says Swachh Survekshan 2023 and 'get started'.

The resident is then asked for a phone number on which an OTP will be sent. Once registered, the resident can select the preferred language and continue. Before one is put through a series of nine questions to answer, the form will ask for location: State, district and city in which all three blocks need to be filled with 'Mysuru'.

### Nine questions

The page will also ask "have you been a resident of this urban body/city", the gender and age. Then click 'start survey'. The nine questions then begin: Is the waste collected daily from your household? Do you segregate waste separately in your household? Are the drains or nullahs in your neighbourhood visibly clean?

The portal will also ask you: Are you aware of the RRR- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle centre in your city? Have you recently used a community/public toilet in your city? Are the community/public toilets in the city clean and well-maintained? Are you aware that you can find the nearest toilet on digital maps? How will you rate the overall cleanliness of your neighbourhood?

The last and the ninth question is: How will you rate the overall cleanliness of your city? These last two questions have five options: Very satisfied, satisfied, neutral, unsatisfied and very unsatisfied. And then submit the form.

### 2023 theme: Waste to Wealth

The survey will remain open for receiving feedback till Aug. 20, 2023. The theme of Swachh Survekshan-2023 is 'Waste to Wealth'- one of the key objectives under the mission aimed at promoting circularity in waste management.

"Cleanliness and environmentally friendly initiatives are not only about rankings but it's our commitment and duty to keep the city clean and green all year round. Active participation of citizens in the survey will help us further improve services and higher rankings. We have already conducted many awareness programmes on this year's survey and the QR Code has been pasted on the vehicles collecting waste," said MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj.

# All heritage arches in city to be renovated, illuminated

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (RK&BCT)- A week after asking officers and engineers of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to prepare a Detailed Project Report to restore the Heritage Arch Gate at the entrance of the Government Guest House in Nazarbad, popular as heritage North Gate Arch, Mayor Shivakumar has assured that all the heritage arches of Mysuru will be conserved.

The arches will be restored as per the suggestions from the heritage experts and will be illuminated all year round. Mysuru is known for its majestic arches, pillars and gateways. These architectural marvels, which are a treat to watch, are the gifts from Wadiyars, the erstwhile rulers of Mysuru.

During a visit of some of the arches in the heart of the city last evening, Shivakumar, MCC Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman-Shariff, Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, a member of the District Heritage Conservation Committee and Dasharath of Namma Mysuru Foundation, MCC Executive Engineer Sindhu and officials observed that some of the arches need a major facelift.

The team noted that only the arches that were built in all four directions of the Mysore Palace were well maintained. They are, Jayamarthanda Gate on the Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road, Jayarama and Balarama Gates on the northern part of the Palace, Brahmapuri Gate, Karikallu Thotti Gate opposite the MCC building, Amba Vilas Gate towards the South of the Palace near CADA (Cauvery) Office and the Varaha Gate.

The gates that need renovation and maintenance are, the one on Ashoka Road (Gunchi Gopura or watchman's tower near the Government Gunchi School) which leads to St. Philomena's Church from the Fountain Circle at N.R. Mohalla, gateway on Krishnaraja Boulevard that leads to Old Deputy Commissioner's Office, the one located opposite Sub-Urban Bus Stand, the giant arch in front of the Karnataka Exhibition Grounds on Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road and the one located on the T. Narasipur Road that leads to Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel.

The Mayor assured that he will initiate steps soon to call short-term tenders to renovate, repair and maintain the gates with a 365-day illumination. The renovation works will be taken up with the grants from the MCC and they will be maintained and illuminated.

"The renovation works will be taken up in consultation with heritage experts and even structural repairs will be undertaken as per heritage norms," he said. Shivakumar added that the renovation works will begin soon and by Dasara, the heritage arches will be illuminated.

# CM calls on Union Transport Minister

## Gadkari assures Siddu to send team to address Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway problems

Bengaluru, Aug. 4 (KMS&DM)- With frequent accidents taking its toll on the newly-built Access-controlled Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has assured Karnataka Chief Minister Siddharamaiah of sending a team to rectify the flaws and address other issues concerning the Expressway.

Gadkari gave this assurance when CM Siddharamaiah called on him at Parliament Bhavan in New Delhi yesterday. During the meeting, the two leaders discussed about the measures to be taken for preventing accidents on the Expressway and other issues such as water-logging etc., following which the Union Minister is said to have assured to depute a team to study the shortcomings and rectify them.

Siddharamaiah, who was accompanied by PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi, also urged Gadkari to increase Government grants for National Highways for the year 2023-24 to Rs.10,000 crore.

The CM appealed the Union Minister to sanction Rs. 250 crore for carrying out repair of roads that have been destroyed by rains and floods, Rs. 50 crore for Highway repairs and maintenance and release of Rs.1,000 crore from Central road infrastructure funds for improvement of roads in the State.

Siddharamaiah also appealed to convert the 150 km Highway covering Kollegal, Gundlupet, Nanjangud and Mysuru to four-lane/six-lane roads and to grant permission for taking up road expansion works of the Highways that connects Tamil Nadu border with towns and cities of the State. He also explained Gadkari on how Highway expansion/construction would economically help Karnataka in the long run. The Union Minister is said to have assured to address the Highways issues raised by the Karnataka CM.

## Wimbledon-2023

# A Dream Fulfilled - 2

**By Col. Sharath Bhat**
*[With thoughts from Manwant Walia]*

***Col. Sharath Bhat** (left) **and his friend Manwant Walia watching one of the Wimbledon-2023 matches on July 6.***

**[Continued from yesterday]**

The day of 6th July 2023 was a beautiful day. Sun rose and the pouring clouds of the previous day had vanished. It was a crystal clear day. We both felt blessed to be alive to see the dawn of this day of our dream. Our pre-arranged time for breakfast was 9 am and the hotel being a typical English one, gave a sit down simple breakfast. Somehow our thoughts were not on the food, but at the long day at Wimbledon.

The doorman of our hotel, with whom we had already become pally was too eager to suggest the way to the nearest tube station. Being on the Manchester Street it's not that far to Bond Street tube station. Both of us dressed in our best had a unique spring in our steps. I was sporting all white with a Nehru jacket and a white cap while my bosom friend was sporting his Wimbledon jacket, lovingly gifted by his son especially for this event. With bit of walking to reach the tube station and then a change of trains, we reached the Wimbledon Station. The station itself had a sea of people moving towards the exit, we got out of the station, to a mesmerising scene. Big billboards with backdrops of Centre Court, colourfully dressed orderly crowds moving on foot or buses to the venue. Decided to take a pic right there to catch the wonderful sight of that train station.

Our place to pick up the tickets was closer to the venue but about 20 minutes of walk. We without hesitation took a bus to save time and then walked to the place which looked like a bungalow. **On presenting ourselves at that place, we were asked for identification, given our tickets and invited for lunch and dinner at the same place.** We strolled in and had a glass of champagne to cheer ourselves. Then we requested to be dropped off at the venue in a chauffeur driven Mercedes.

The staff at the drop zone were trained to look after guests and ushers escorted us to the Gates. I was surprised to see smart gentleman in Air Force uniform politely asking for our tickets. **Being strangers to Wimbledon, I was mighty surprised at the number of military personnel in the Grounds. Later I came to know that the Armed Forces' presence dates back more than 70 years.**

It seems, Wimbledon suffered bomb damage during the Second World War with one of the 40 bombs that hit the area striking Centre Court in October 1940. This destroyed part of the roof and enough seats to reduce capacity by more than 1,000. When the Championships resumed in 1946, service personnel were involved in helping direct people to their seats around the bomb damage. That was the beginning of a long relationship with more than 300 members of the military working as unpaid volunteer stewards at the Championships each year. They are complemented by around 200 volunteers recruited from the London Fire Brigade, who, like the military personnel, take unpaid leave, and nearly 200 members of the public, also volunteers, known as the Honorary Stewards.

Another interesting fact is of Rufus the Hawk. Described as an "important member of the Wimbledon family", **Rufus has been scaring away the birds for fifteen years, taking over from the previous hawk, Hamish.** This indeed is a very important task.

Centre Court is a magnificent building and it stares down with its all green natural façade made up of creepers. Our tickets were located behind the Royal Box and the access was from the South West Entrance. It's the place where we see the Champion standing at the balcony and shaking the champagne to the cheering crowds down below. **The game had just started and the service personnel at the entrance of the gangway, stopped us till players finished two games and went back to their chairs.**

Thus we entered the famed Centre Court. Everything looked as big and large with game standing at one all. **It was the fourth day of Wimbledon, notable matches to watch included Liam Broady Vs Casper Ruud, Elena Rybakina Vs A. Cornet competing in their second-round matches.** However, the highly anticipated showdown between Andy Murray and Stefanos Tsitsipas on the Centre Court was undoubtedly the must-see match of the day. Liam Broady, an English player, was up against Casper Rudd.

One could feel the support for Liam Broadway with both playing excellently. Liam Broady thrilled us at the Centre Court, as he became the first British man to defeat a top-four seed at Wimbledon since 2013 with his upset victory over No. 4 Casper Ruud.

**Next match was the ladies one. The defending champion Elena Rybakina versus A. Cornet.** It seemed to be heavily tilted towards the defending champion hence we decided to step out and visit other Courts. I never knew that Wimbledon had 18 Courts. Being a Centre Court ticket holder allowed you to go and see any match, except in Court No. 1 and 2.

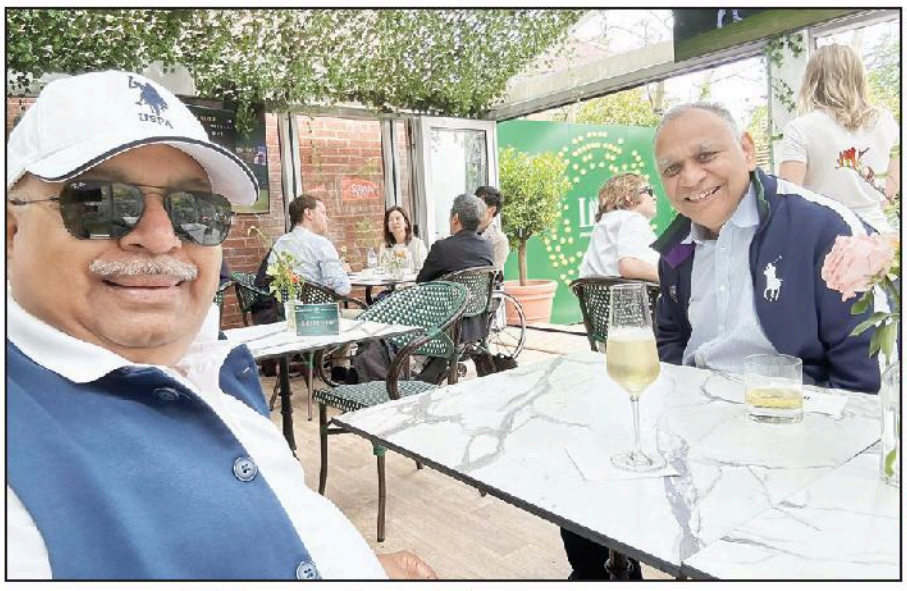
The vast grounds of the Wimbledon were full of enthusiasts and families looking forward to good tennis game. To get access to the show courts, fans normally have to queue overnight. This is done by fans from all over the world and, although considered vagrancy, is part of the Wimbledon experience in itself. **The All-England Club allows overnight queuing and provides toilet and water facilities for campers.** Early in the morning when the line moves towards the Grounds, stewards walk along the line and hand out wristbands that are colour-coded to the specific court. The wrist band (and payment) is exchanged at the ticket office for the ticket when the grounds open. General admission to the grounds gives access to the outer courts and is possible without queuing overnight. **Tickets returned by people leaving early go on re-sale at 2.30 pm and the money goes to charity.** I actually met an Indian fan, who had entered around 8 pm by purchasing a resold ticket!

After we roamed the grounds seeing different matches, we decided to go back and have our dinner at the place where the tickets were given. We wanted to be back for the famed Andy Murray match with the third seed, Stefanos Tsitsipas. We reached back to the place, which had been readied for the evening party. Guests were enjoying the starters and glass of champagne. We both decided to quickly have our dinner and reached back to our seats by 6.45 pm.

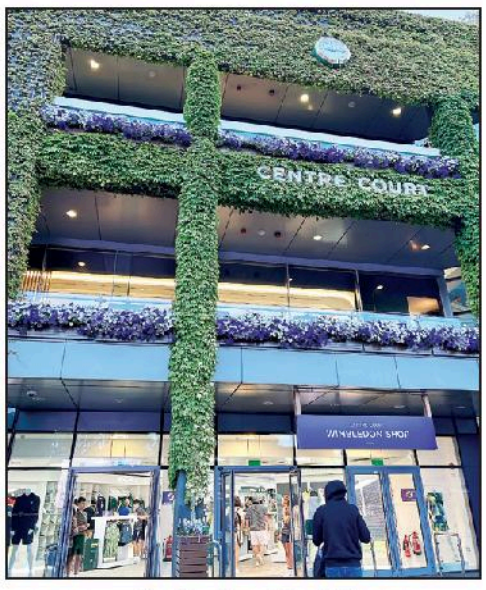
**The match between the Giants had begun.** We were glued for the next three-and-a-half hours seeing a thrilling match between the British Sir Andy Murray (Knighted after he won Wimbledon in 2015) and Stefanos Tsitsipas. Personally I loved the game played by Andy and probably he would have won, had the match continued but as per the rules of the game, it was decided to continue the last set the next day.

**Thus our day which had begun at 11 am at Wimbledon came to a close at 10.30 pm.** We trooped back quietly with our share of memories and pictures, etched permanently for our remaining life time.

There was a sense of contentment and joy for dreaming about Wimbledon and realising that dream.



***Childhood buddies enjoying the champagne.***




***Centre Court building.***

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Cogent

**Pronunciation:** KOH-junt.
**Meaning:** Cogent is a formal word that describes something that is very clear and easy for the mind to accept and believe, in other words "convincing."
**Origin:** A cogent argument is one that really drives its point home because it is clear, coherent, and readily understandable, and perhaps also because of the etymological history of cogent. Cogent comes from the Latin verb cogere, meaning "to drive or force together." Something described as cogent fuses thoughts and ideas into a meaningful whole that others can readily grasp and accept. A cogent explanation is a convincing one, and cogent analysis has us nodding along because it is clear and pertinent. Cogere was formed in Latin by combining the prefix co- with the verb agere, "to drive, lead, or act," a root which is also the source of our familiar noun agent. Handily enough, one definition of agent is "a means or instrument by which a guiding intelligence achieves a result." It follows logically then that cogency is often a worthwhile agent, indeed.
**Example:** "Though Kraftwerk: Future Music from Germany is not a go-to resource or final word on the subject, it doesn't really aim to be. Rather, it's a cogent & crisp re-evaluation of one of most important pop groups of the century, an erudite closeup on the group's aims, history, and substantial cultural impact."—James Toth, AquariumDrunkard.com, 6 Mar. 2023.

## THE ODD WORD

### Calorifics

Study of heat.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Crocodile tears

**Meaning:** Expressing sorrow in a way that is not genuine. In other words, it's someone who is being insincere.
**Origin:** It was once considered a myth that crocodiles 'wept' as they ate, but now there have been studies indicating that 'crocodile tears' are a real thing. Yes, these large reptiles actually shed tears while they feed. But why? Is it because these animals are feeling emotions like remorse and grief as they chomp down on their prey? The real reason for why they shed tears while eating is not fully understood. So then, while they eat, any tears the crocodile produces would be ones of insincerity; the 'crying' would not be from genuine sadness. Thus a comparison is made—when someone is displaying feelings of sadness that are thought to be insincere, or if they are fake crying about something, then their tears are like that of a crocodile. Hence they are said to be shedding 'crocodile tears.' There is a reference to these 'weeping' reptiles that goes back to 14th century. It's in a book called The Travels of Sir John Mandeville (the author is unclear), around the year 1375, & there is a part from it that reads:"These serpents slay men, and they eat them weeping."

## QUOTE BOX

The purpose of a writer is to keep civilization from destroying itself.

**—Albert Camus**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

*Answer: Scattered showers.*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**
1 Ancient Greek coin
5 French bench
9 High Power Amplifier
12 Words of denial (3,1)
13 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba ? (3,1)
14 Evergreen tree
15 One never wants to commit one (1,3)
16 Dislike
18 Birthplace of Mohammed
20 Bench or pew
21 Prefix for ever present
24 Biblical queen
27 Well-to-do
31 Fabled bird
32 Office boy
33 Attempt or essay
34 Uprising
35 Labour assn.
36 Decade (3,5)
38 Sulphide in oil of garlic
41 ___ in : be a seller of?
42 Spoke or uttered
44 Indian Zoroastrian
48 Mixed drink
52 ___ for : be accepted as
53 Uber competitor
54 Type of TV input
55 Take it one ____ a time
56 Telegu Desam Party, acronym
57 Morales of movies
58 Little difficulty

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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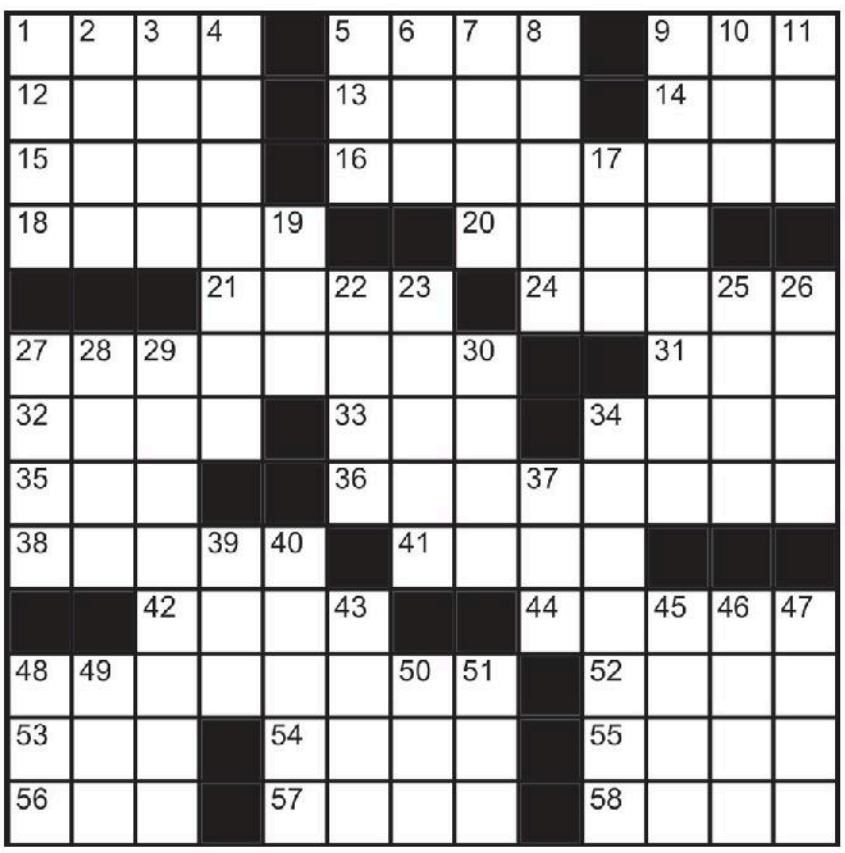
**DOWN**
1 Kerala festival
2 Netaji Subhas Chandra ___?
3 Ear-related
4 Abraham ____ : American President?
5 Sleep on it in the night?
6 Acute Resp. Infection
7 Headland
8 Refers to
9 Chaos, frenzy or panic
10 A special loved one
11 Fear, dread or wonder
17 Exclamation of surprise
19 Asian river __ Darya
22 Clear of costs
23 Owing money? (2,3)
25 Churl
26 ____ for: is representative of?
27 Capital of W Samoa
28 Went for a tumble?
29 Size of paper sheet
30 River of N.E. England
34 Medical regression
37 Sharp bark
39 "Kay" changes into an ox
40 Loose-limbed
43 Fathers
45 Pro __
46 Nav. readings
47 Children's'spotting' game (1,3)
48 Crib, small light bed
49 ___ maid : an elderly or confirmed spinster ?
50 Indian Medical Association, acronym?
51 52 in Roman numerals



## SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**XB JNE PNEOM DVIW, JNE YEAD BXTAD QXZW, DFXA**

**XA DFW SWQXCCXCQ NB XCDWOOXQWCUW.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS G**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** Even peace may be purchased at too high a price.

# MOVIE LOVERS

## NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  *Namo Bhootatma (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  *Namo Bhootatma (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  *Sheela (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  *Sheela (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  *Spy (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  *Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Ph: 2497199**
  *Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani (H)* - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  *Baby (Te)* - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  *Lockdown Diaries (Ta)* - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  *DD Returns (Ta)* - 4 Shows

### DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)* | (S-1) | 10.10 am, 7.15 pm, 1.10 pm |
| | (S-2) | 1.05 pm |
| *Namo Bhoothathma 2 (K)* | (S-1) | 1.10 pm |
| *Baby (Te)* | (S-1) | 3.55 pm |
| *Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare (K)* | (S-2) | 10.15 am; (S-4) 1.15 pm |
| *Barbie (E)* | (S-2) | 4.00 pm |
| *Oppenheimer (E)* | (S-2) | 6.25 pm |
| *Article 21 (Ma)* | (S-2) | 10.05 pm |
| *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)* | (S-3) | 10.15 am, 6.50 pm, 10.05 pm |
| | (S-4) | 4.05 pm |
| *Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning (E)* | (S-3) | 1.30 pm |
| *Achar & Co (K)* | (S-3) | 4.40 pm |
| *Meg 2: The Trench (E-3D)* | (S-4) | 10.50 am, 7.20 pm, 9.45 pm |

### MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Ee Pattanakke Yenagide (K)* | (S-1) | 10.45 am |
| *Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare (K)* | (S-1) | 1.15 pm; (S-2) 4.15 pm |
| | (S-4) | 6.30 pm |
| *Sheela (K)* | (S-1) | 4.15 pm |
| *DD Returns (Ta)* | (S-1) | 6.30 pm, 9 pm |
| *Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)* | (S-2) | 1.15 pm, 7 pm |
| | (S-3) | 10.30 am, 4 pm |
| | (S-4) | 9.15 pm |
| *Meg 2: The Trench (E-3D)* | (S-3) | 1.20 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.15 pm |
| | (S-4) | 10.45 am |
| *Namo Bhoothathma - 2 (K)* | (S-4) | 1.10 pm, 3.50 pm |

### PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

**Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139**

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|---|---|---|
| *Meg-2 (E)* | : | 11.05 am, 1.45 pm, 4.25 pm 7.05 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Oppenheimer (E)* | : | 3.35 pm, 9.50 pm |
| *Barbie (E)* | : | 4.30 pm |
| *Bro (Te)* | : | 3.55 pm |
| *Hostel Hudugaru Bekagidhare (K)* | : | 9.55 am, 1.00 pm, 4.05 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.15 pm |
| *Achar and Co (K)* | : | 7.05 pm |
| *Mission Impossible (E)* | : | 12.30 pm |
| *Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)* | : | 9.25 am, 12.30, 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Kurukkan (Ma)* | : | 9.30 pm |
| *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)* | : | 11.30 am, 3 pm, 6.30 pm, 10 pm |
| *Trailer Screening* | : | 3.45 pm |

**1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210**

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| *Rocky Aur Rani Kii prem kahaani (H)* | : | 9.45 am, 3.20 pm, 10 pm |
| *Meg 2: The Trench (E-3D)* | : | 10.40 am, 4.55 pm, 7.35, 10.15 pm |
| *Trailers Screening Show* | : | 11.00 am |
| *Oppenheimer (E)* | : | 11.10 am, 6.00 pm |
| *Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)* | : | 12.10 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm |
| *Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare (K)* | : | 1.15 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.25, 10.30 pm |
| *Baby (2023) (Te)* | : | 1.20 pm |
| *Namo Bhoothathma 2 (K)* | : | 3.00 pm |

# EVENTS TODAY (AUGUST 4)

- **Abhivrudhi:** Silk India-2023, expo-cum-sale of pure silk products, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts:** Shopping Festival — Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale — Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **FESTIVIVA:** Luxury, Fashion & Lifestyle exhibition — Designer Sarees, Indian & Western Wear, Jewellery, Handicrafts, Food Court and many more; Wind Chimes, Vasanth Mahal Road, Nazarbad, **up to 9 pm.**
- **The Ancient Times:** Coin Show India-2023, a three-day national numismatic show, Kanyaka Mahal, Ashoka road, near Sri Kannika Parameshwari Temple, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Bhajans, Bhagavata discourse, Ramayana discourse, Srikrishnadhama, **5 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Sosale Vyasaraja Mutt, Krishnamurthypuram:** 'Sampoorna Ramayana Pravachana Yajna' as part of Adhika Masa, discourse on 'Aranyakanda' by Vid. Bidarahalli Krishnacharya, Mutt premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Nupura Kalavidaru Samskruthika Trust:** Nupurotsav-2023, Kathak dance by Shikha Madhur, **6.30 pm;** Bharatanatyam by disciples of Vidu. Mithra Naveen of Nadavidyalaya Academy, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **7.30 pm.**

# EVENTS TOMORROW (AUGUST 5)

- **Setty Mech Engineers Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru:** Blood donation camp, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, KRS Road, **9.30 am to 1.30 pm.** [Mob: 88610-11560, 70199-70047]
- **Abhivrudhi:** Silk India-2023, expo-cum-sale of pure silk products, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
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- **The Ancient Times:** Coin Show India-2023, a three-day national numismatic show, Kanyaka Mahal, Ashoka road, near Sri Kannika Parameshwari Temple, **10 am to 8 pm.**
- **Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), Mysuru:** Launching of free 'Gruha Jyothi Scheme' by Social Welfare Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa in the presence of Ministers, MPs, MLAs and MLCs, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **11 am.**
- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Bhajans, Bhagavata discourse, Ramayana discourse and cultural programmes, Srikrishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Sosale Vyasaraja Mutt, Krishnamurthypuram:** 'Sampoorna Ramayana Pravachana Yajna' as part of Adhika Masa, discourse on 'Aranyakanda' by Vid. Bidarahalli Krishnacharya, Mutt premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Nupura Kalavidaru Samskruthika Trust:** Nupurotsav-2023, Bharatanatya by Vid. K.R. Vishwadeep (son and disciple of Trust Director Natyacharya Guru Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao), **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm;** 'Nrutya Vaibhava' by disciples of Vid. Sridhar Jain, Founder of Sri Nimishamba School of Dance, Mysuru; Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **7.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Saraguru Ramesh speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishna as a Redeemer,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, Mysuru:** Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava, *Adhika Shravana* edition, *Madhurya Marga* based on Karnataka dance tradition by disciples of *Karnataka Kalashri* Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Director of Nrityalaya Trust, Mysuru; *Sangeeta Gaana Nritya Yaana* - a live performance by R. Lasya Priya (daughter and disciple of Guru Dr. Malini Ravishankar, Founder of Lasyavardhana School of Performing Arts, Bengaluru) assisted by Pravardhan on vocal, Keshava Prasad on violin and Karthik Pranav on mridanga; Bharatanatyam performances by junior disciples of Vidushi Nagalakshmi Nagarajan, Founder of Champaka Academy; Dr. Chitralekha and Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Founders of Chitra's Hospital, chief guests, Champaka Academy premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Cycling Association:** Selection Trials for upcoming State-level Cycling Championship (Mountain Biking Selection), near Planet Earth Aquarium, Hebbal Industrial Area, Kuppedada, **6.30 am.** [Mob: 88848-51538]
- **Manthana, Mysuru:** An interaction programme on 'Demographic Imbalance and its Implications on National Security' by Retired DGP from Kerala M.N. Krishnamurthy and former Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka M. Madan Gopal, SP Bhat Hall, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **5.30 pm.** [Mob: 99864-93998]
- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni- 787,' story-telling by Dr. Vinoda, Associate Professor & HoD, Kannada Department, MMK&SDM Women's College, Mysuru; Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Old students of Bharathi Sthree Samaja Primary School, V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru:** Guru Vandana programme by old students, who studied between 1969 and 1975 for their old teachers, Music programme by A.D. Srinivasan and troupe, Jaganmohan Palace auditorium, **6 pm.**

### INOX LIVE the MOVIE

**Mall of Mysore - Mob. : 7829999465**

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|---|---|---|
| *Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare (K)* | (S-1) | 12.55 pm, 10.10 pm |
| | (S-3) | 10.00 am |
| *Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)* | (S-1) | 9.50 am, 4 pm, 7.05 pm |
| *Oppenheimer (E)* | (S-4) | 3.55 pm; (S-3) 10.10 pm |
| *Barbie (E)* | (S-2) | 5.20 pm |
| *Meg 2: The Trench (E-3D)* | (S-4) | 10.35 am, 1.15 pm 7.50 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)* | (S-2) | 1.50 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Bro (Te)* | (S-3) | 4.30 pm |
| *DD Returns (Ta)* | (S-3) | 1.05 pm |
| *Trailers Screening Show* | (S-3) | 3.50 pm |
| *Baby (Te)* | (S-2) | 10.15 am |
| *Aachar & Co (K)* | (S-2) | 7.55 pm |

**INOX Centro Mysore - Mob. : 9606976757**

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| *Oppenheimer (E)* | (S-2) | 3.05 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare (K)* | (S-1) | 10 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Namo Bhoothathma 2 (K)* | (S-4) | 10 am, 7.10 pm |
| *Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)* | (S-3) | 1.25 pm; (S-4) 10.10 pm |
| *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)* | (S-2) | 6.55 pm |
| | (S-3) | 9.55 am |
| *Trailers Screening Show* | (S-4) | 1.00 pm |
| *Ee Pattanakke Yenagide (K)* | (S-4) | 1.40 pm |
| *Meg 2: The Trench (E-3D)* | (S-3) | 4.30 pm, 10.00 pm |
| | (S-2) | 9.45 am, 12.25 pm |
| *Sheela (K)* | (S-4) | 4.35 pm |
| *Voice of Sathyanadhan (Ma)* | (S-3) | 7.05 pm |

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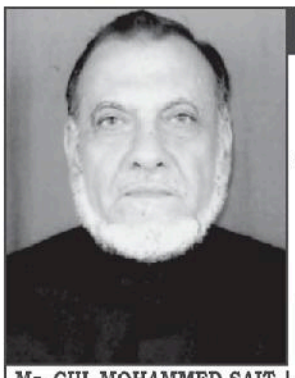

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